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DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, West, F. J. Russell, Clerk, L. T. Barker, Treasurer, W. W. Hastings, Superintendent of Schools, E. C. Bowler, School Committee, Miss Jane Gibson, C. E. Valentine, Z. W. Bartlett, East, Town Agent, A. E. Herrick, Collector, H. H. Bean, Auditor, Calvin Bisbee.

MAIL SERVICE.

MAILS CLOSE.
Going East, 8:40 a. m., 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.
MAILS ARRIVE.
From East, 10:50 a. m., 4:50 p. m.
From West, 9:15 a. m., 3:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNIVERSALIST, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

CONGREGATIONAL, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m. Tuesday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

UNION CHURCH, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

LIBRARY.

Public Library, Broad street. Open Wednesday, from 6 to 8 p. m.; Saturday, 4 to 8 p. m. Over 2000 volumes. Mrs. G. R. Wiley, President; Annie Frye, Secretary; Mrs. O. M. Mason, Treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Librarian.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 97, F. & A. M.—N. E. Richardson, W. M.; W. E. Abbott, S. W.; H. C. Rowe, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, Treas.; D. G. Lovejoy, Sec. Meets second Thursday of each month.

MR. ABRAHAM LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 31—A. C. Frost, N. G.; E. S. Kilborn, V. G.; Chas. Mason, Rec. Sec.; C. C. Bryant, F. S.; S. I. French, Treas. Meets Saturday evenings.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, I. O. O. F., No. 64—Martha A. Gibson, N. G.; Alice J. Farwell, V. G.; Jane H. Gibson, Rec. Sec.; Maria Hastings, Fin. Sec.; Elton M. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL GRANGE, No. 56—John E. Howe, Master; Mrs. C. E. Valentine, Lecturer; J. S. Hutchins, Secretary. Meets Saturday afternoons, once in two weeks.

SUNBURY COL., No. 50, U. O. P. F.—J. C. Billings, Gov.; E. C. Park, Sec.; E. S. Kilborn, Treas. Meets the first and third Monday of each month.

BETHEL LODGE, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M.—F. J. Tyler, C.; S. A. Gibson, S.; John Yates, F. S.; Harry J. Bates, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. C.; A. M. True, Adj. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

Brown Post, W. R. C., No. 36—Mrs. Arvilla Morgan, Pres.; Mrs. C. S. Little, Sec.; Miss E. E. Burnham, Treas. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

Bethel W. C. T. U.—Mrs. O. M. Mason, Pres.; Mrs. Arthur Varley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. F. S. Chandler, Sec.; Mrs. L. T. Barker, Treas. Meets Tuesday, once in two weeks.

CORPORATIONS.

Bethel Savings Bank.—S. B. Twitchell, Pres.; A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Chair Co.—J. H. Barrows, Pres. Calvin Bisbee, Treas.

Bethel Water Co.—Enoch Foster, Pres. A. E. Herrick, Treas.

Bethel Dairying Co.—W. E. Abbott, Manager.

Riverside Park Association.—C. M. Wormell, Pres.; E. C. Rowe, Treas.

SOCIAL SOCIETIES.

Ladies' Club, Congregational.—Pres., Mrs. A. E. Herrick; Vice Pres., Mrs. Gilbert Tuell; Sec., Miss Mary True; Treas., Mrs. F. B. Tuell. Meets Thursday afternoon.

Ladies' Circle, Universalist.—Mrs. L. A. Pratt, Pres.; Mrs. G. R. Wiley, Vice Pres.; Mrs. L. B. Hopkins, Sec.; Mrs. E. C. Rowe, Treas. Meets Wednesday afternoon.

Ladies' Church Aid Society, Methodist.—Mrs. H. C. Andrews, Pres.; Mrs. Cyrene Littlefield, Vice Pres.; Mrs. Calvin Bisbee, Treas.; Miss Ethel Morse, Sec.

Columbian Club.—Mrs. A. E. Herrick, Pres.; Miss Annie M. Frye, Sec.; Mrs. T. F. Hastings, Treas.

UNITED ORDER OF GOLDEN CROSS No. 464—N. C. J. H. Barrows, W. T. Calvin Bisbee, F. K. R. S. W. Grover, K. of R. F. W. Bisbee.

House for Sale.

Anyone desiring to buy a small house in Bethel village, will do well to call at a. o. on Dr. F. B. Tuell.

The LOCAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Picked Up About Town by the News Man.

Mrs. Arthur Varley is visiting in Oxford.

Miss Ruby Clark is visiting friends in Augusta.

Arthur Wiley was home from Brunswick over Sunday.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Twaddle, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Alice Purington will spend her two weeks' vacation in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Tuell have returned from a short visit in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hanscom are visiting at Mechanic Falls and Poland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Johnson will spend their vacation at their home in Massachusetts.

Messrs. Geo. B. Farnsworth and Fred Merrill have been at home from Bowdoin for a few days.

The Ladies' Church Aid Society will meet this afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Ira Jordan.

Mrs. Newton Richardson has returned from Norway, where she has been visiting her parents.

"The Observance of Lent," will be the subject at the Universalist church, next Sabbath morning.

All right over head, but we are not going that way. Would that we might have it a little better under foot.

"Look before you leap." Be sure you get Hood's Sarsaparilla when you call for it, and you will find health in its use.

H. C. Barker has been appointed constable and turnkey for the ensuing year, and has given bonds as the law directs.

Mrs. Seth Mason, little daughter, and sister, Mrs. Geo. T. Boothman of Woodsville, N. H., were in the village last week, the guests of Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell.

The Misses Bertha and Annie Hazen of Oxford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hanscom, over Sunday. They attended the Prize Speaking Contest.

The Ladies' Church Aid Society will hold a social to-morrow evening, at the home of Miss Lucy Fox. Homemade candy will be on sale. All are cordially invited.

Miss A. A. Jordan wishes to state to the people of Bethel and vicinity that she is ready to do dressmaking at her room, at No. 4 Park St. See card in another column.

Mrs. Florence Holt is opening the house owned and occupied as a summer residence by her sister, Mrs. Heinrich Myer. Mr. and Mrs. Myer are travelling abroad, and when last heard from were in Cairo, Egypt.

The many friends of Rev. W. B. Eldridge and wife are glad to learn of her arrival home from the Maine General Hospital, Portland, and also hope the promise of full and permanent recovery will be fulfilled.

The best is the cheapest in the end. This applies to life insurance as well as every thing else. If you are interested, and if not you ought to be, your attention is called to the annual statement of the Equitable found on page 8.

The C. E. social, which was advertised for Friday night of this week, has been postponed until Monday evening, Mar. 12. Remember this is to be a title party, and all who are to represent a book are requested to pass in the name of the book which they will represent to the committee as early as possible.

Friends of Joe Hamlin, a former student of Gould's Academy will be pleased to know that he has just closed a successful term of school at South Rumford. Besides teaching this winter, he has kept up his studies with his class of '01, in the High school at Rumford Falls, is editor of the "Rumford Falls Spray," a paper published by the scholars in the High school, and will speak in the "prize speakers' contest" in the High school, the last of March.

The B's of B. will have a dance at Odeon Hall Thursday evening.

Mr. C. M. Wormell has been confined to the house the past week with a severe cold.

Miss Jessie Philbrook has returned from a few weeks' visit in Caribou.

Mr. L. B. Hopkins has returned from New York where he has been spending a few weeks.

Mrs. Olive Young who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Bradbury at Norway, returned home last Saturday.

During the past year the fire department has been called out but once; that was early last spring when the house of Maj. Hastings took fire, but which caused slight damage.

Mr. A. J. Haskell has moved into the Clough house on Elm street. Mr. Haskell is having a large trade in flour and grain, and intends to enlarge his mill and store house in the spring.

Mrs. E. N. Robertson sent to the News office, Monday, two beautiful roses: One, a tea rose, was picked from a plant which has had three blossoms the past winter, the other, a bridal rose, picked from one which has had eighteen blossoms.

Biggle Swine Book is just as valuable for a man with one hog in a little sty, as for a man with a hundred hogs feeding on the sheltered side of a barbed wire fence. Its chapter on "Cholera" is alone worth ten times what the book costs. You ought to have it, the News says so. The price is 50 cents, free by mail; address the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia.

TOWN MEETING.

Monday was an ideal day, indeed, overhead, but the travelling was simply wretched, and as a result, many of our citizens did not come out to the town meeting.

The meeting passed off quietly; of course a certain amount of excitement and fun had to be interspersed or it would not have been a genuine Bethel town meeting.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator—J. A. Twaddle. Clerk—L. T. Barker.

Selectmen—S. B. Twitchell, C. E. Barker, F. J. Russell.

Treasurer—W. W. Hastings. Collector—H. H. Bean.

School Comm.—N. F. Brown. Superintendent—H. H. Hastings.

Town Agent—A. E. Herrick. Auditor—Calvin Bisbee.

After a lively discussion on the discount question, the town voted to allow a discount of 5% on all taxes paid on or before July 1, and 3% on all paid on or before Oct. 1.

One of the important questions brought before the meeting, was the building of the road around Capen hill, as laid out by the County Commissioners last summer. After considerable discussion, it was voted to pass over the article by a vote of 78 to 80.

Voted, to discontinue the road in the east part of the town, leading from the house of Stephen H. Foster to the old Hodgdon place.

The following appropriations were made:

Schools.....\$2000

Repairing school houses..... 500

Text Books..... 300

Support of poor..... 1500

Town officers..... 1000

Miscellaneous expenses..... 800

Town debt and interest..... 5000

Brown Post..... 35

The ladies of the Bethel Library Association served dinner as usual and were well patronized.

Advised Letters.

Letters for the following named parties may be found at the post office:

Herbert M. Adams, 2.

Mr. Gordon Fillmore.

Mr. Louis Desmarais.

Mr. Orison H. Sawtell.

Orison H. Sawtell, Esq.

J. C. Billings.

Prize Speaking Contest.

For a whole year many of our people, and especially the students of Gould's Academy, had looked forward to the annual prize speaking contest; to them it is one of the pleasant occasions of the school year, and as the time approached, to be stared in the face by such utterly forbidding weather was disheartening, nevertheless the flyers Friday morning put to flight all ideas of postponement; the contest was to take place weather or no weather; it was emphatically no weather, but the people got there, and if any doubting Thomases were not convinced last Friday night of the genuine interest that our citizens have in their beloved institution, they never will be.

School colors with the stars and stripes, changed the hall from its usual appearance, to that of a festive occasion. Much praise is due the committee on decoration, which consisted of E. L. Harvey, Gotthard Carlson, Ethel Sanborn and Henrietta Douglass, for their efficient service in that capacity. At the sound of the first notes of the piano, the doors opened, and the speakers were marshalled in by Master Victor Gehring, who was very cutely attired for the occasion.

To tell of the efforts of each contestant is not ours to do. Nearly all of them have been heard by our people before; they always have pleased us, nor were their efforts Friday night an exception. Speaking is an important part of the education of our children, and that the students of Gould's Academy have had efficient instruction in this department, is evident to all who are in touch with the school, and have noted the progress that has been made along this line during the time that the school has been under the present management. The pupils did exceedingly well; we were proud of them, and believe they are at par with the students of any school in this section of Maine.

On account of the severe storm, the judges who had been selected were not able to be present, so at the eleventh hour E. C. Park, Esq., Rev. Arthur Varley, and Dr. C. D. Hill were chosen to serve in that capacity. That they decided wisely and according to the judgment of the audience, was evident from the hearty applause which followed the announcement of the name of each winner. The prizes were awarded as follows: Ladies, first Miss Elsie Weitz, second, Miss Barbara Carter; gentlemen, first Mr. Wallace Goodwin, second, Mr. Merritt Gay. The instrumental music by Misses Billings and Purington, and Misses Gehring and Weitz was indeed pleasing, as was also the ladies' quartette. The receipts were \$52.00.

PROGRAM.

Music.

The Impeachment of Warren Hastings, F. B. Macaulay

Merritt Brackett Gay.

The Swan Song, Katherine Brooks

Helen Estella Bisbee.

Mr Brown has his Hair Cut, Anon

William Henry Holmes.

Music.

Grandfather's Rose, Adelaide A. Procter

Ruth Rogers King.

The Mob, Edmund Rostand

George Emerson Ryerson.

He Let Her Know, J. T. Trowbridge

Effie Josephine Thurston.

Music.

Eulogy on Garfield, James G. Blaine

Gilbert Woodsome Tuell.

A White Lily, Grace Maude Chapman.

Our Duty in the Philippines, George F. Hoar

Charles Holstead Holmes.

Music.

Mute Singers, Anna C. Ritchie

Barbara Allan Carter.

A Political Stump Speech, F. A. Parker

Wallace Goodwin.

Patsy, Kate Douglas Wiggin

Elsie Marie Weitz.

Music.

Award of prizes.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of

RICHARD A. FRYE, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

February 28th, 1900. Esther K. Frye.

SAVINGS BANK TAXES.

Address of Edwin H. Lawry at Portland Before the Maine Savings Bank Association.

Gentlemen of the Association:—A writer upon the subject of "Problems of Taxation" has said that the condition of an ideal tax law should insure equal opportunities and prerogatives to assessor and assessed, in the determination and adjustment of values; that such values shall be equitably susceptible to advance and decline by conditions and state of markets; that it shall be free from suggestion of exemption, partial or entire, unless justified by condition of individuals and moral obligations of states and communities; and, above all, that it shall impose no unequal burden upon those to whom taxation suggests, and of whom it demands, the surrender of common comforts and actual necessities.

We may regard the suggestion of a law promising such commendable and beneficent results as that of a visionary, and beyond the reach of expectation or possibility; but I think we will agree that a savings bank tax law, approaching in any measure the ideal, should, in the methods prescribed for establishing valuations and rates of assessment thereon, meet at least the following conditions:

(1) It shall be possible for the average savings bank accountant, familiar with the cost and market value of the assets of his bank, to determine with a reasonable degree of accuracy the taxes to be assessed against them for a six months' assessment period.

(2) Taxes based on values of assets subject to frequent market changes shall increase or decrease as such values advance or decline.

(3) It shall enforce, neither directly nor indirectly, no restrictions and no discriminations which may operate to prohibit the acquiring of such assets as will best serve to strengthen the condition of the banks and protect the interests of the depositors. And, conversely, no restrictions and discriminations which shall in effect suggest inducements for the acquiring of assets of an opposite character.

(4) It shall exact only such contribution to the state's revenue as a fair income upon the deposits, and the condition of the depositors and their ability to contribute, compared with that of other property holders and tax payers, will warrant and justify.

We are all agreed, also, that the law under which the taxes are now assessed, meets neither of the conditions I have named.

I have yet to know a savings bank accountant, however conversant with all the affairs of his bank, willing to admit that he could guess at the amount to be assessed against it with sufficient accuracy to justify a second attempt.

That peculiar effect of methods employed under the present law by which taxes increase as the assets approach the least market value, and decrease as the same assets reach a higher figure, was, I presume, an accident due to oversight in framing the bill. The application of the simplest principles of mathematics, however, should have served to prevent a result which may be considered but little removed from the ridiculous.

The managers of our banks have never been, I think, much in sympathy with that feature of the law for the securing of which the law itself was originated, and which undoubtedly assured its enactment. I refer to that feature which has been styled "discriminative" and which it was claimed would "assist in developing the industries of the state," and to which laudable purpose it was argued savings bank depositors should contribute more liberally than in the past.

Perhaps we should explain that in view of the fact that it did not appear to have been demanded, of peculiar conditions existing, and of certain logical results which might follow its general application to

investments, it did not seem just, wise or consistent.

From quite careful estimates made at the time, it was found that on the date of the enactment of the law, the State savings banks had among their assets, investments in Maine approximating \$25,000,000. We do not have the data from which to determine the amount of similar investments among the assets of other institutions whose character is largely or wholly financial, nor the percentage which they added to the holdings of the savings banks, would bear to the total available State investments which would be passed upon as suitable for funds handled in trust. But it can be safely asserted, I believe, that the savings banks' share was as large as conditions, availability and qualities commensurate with safety demanded. The amount is equal to one-tenth of the last valuation of the State, and nearly three times that of money last found at interest, fifty-seven thousand dollars in bonds included. In this connection it should be said that those familiar with the effect of the law previously existing, had easily discovered that Maine's excessive tax rate had served to force the State's best securities beyond the reach of our own banks. Illustrating this fact, it was well known that a New York bank could purchase the bonds of the State of Maine bearing three per cent. interest, and, with income from other sources sufficient to meet expense account and appropriations for reserve, pay the entire income of such bonds to its depositors. And that under similar circumstances the Maine bank was first required to pay twenty-five per cent. of the gross income to the State in taxes, leaving but two and one-quarter per cent. for the depositors.

In their last report the State assessors suggest that of \$38,000,000 in bonds of Maine railroads and street railways outstanding, only \$5,000,000 are held by the Maine savings banks, and conclude that a very large amount of them escape taxation. To a great extent such conclusion is justified. If at loss to locate the much greater portion of the better class of Maine's railroad bonds, however, the difficulty could have been easily solved by a search among the assets of banks in states whose tax rate does not prohibit such holdings, and upon which assets a reasonable dividend can be paid by them, notwithstanding the high cost of such securities, created by their own demand for them. In fact, that issue of bonds in whose interest it is quite generally understood the "discriminative" feature of our law was designed, was afterwards found legal for the banks of a neighboring state, and hardly a dollar of the issue reached the banks of our own. It follows, of course, that Maine's best securities having been absorbed by banks in other states, we were expected to invest in those of a lower grade, which such banks would not be permitted to purchase. Had the law carried with it a reduction of tax on the better class of Maine securities, or on all of them, to such extent as would have enabled us to compete for the best with the banks of neighboring states, some semblance of consistency would have been seen in the results. But it seems to have been the old determination, simply renewed, to exact the pound of flesh, and to increase the number of ounces making it.

Our law makers declare that Maine banks discriminate against Maine securities, and insist that we exhibit a larger degree of public spirit, while they, year after year, by their official action, discriminate to the injury of Maine

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NOBLESSE OBLIGE.

Not for thee, oh, friend, the easy task, for thou art strong;
And though, borne down with burdens, the way seems hard and long,
Yet know that God but giveth thee
True title of nobility
In this, knowing thee a'en better than thyself;
his plan
To prove thee, saying to all thy world, Behold a man!

—Mary E. Stekney in Lippincott's.

A Matter of Conscience

The garden was ablaze with May sunshine and white with May blossoms, but the old stone house at the end of the straight path that led from the gate looked somber and melancholy.

A gnarled apple tree tapped playfully at the closed shutters of one of the upper rooms and even went so far, under extreme provocation from the wind, as to poke some of its blossom laden twigs between the ransackable slats.

Dr. Eaton, who walked up the straight path through the sunshine, could not restrain a sigh of pleasure at the beauty of the scene. Young and strong and healthy, life to him was good and delightful, though at that very moment he might be hurrying into the presence of death.

A pale young woman opened the door in response to his knock, and without any form of greeting ushered him into the chilly hall and went before him up the stairs to the floor above.

"He is very ill, my poor little boy," she said as she opened the door of a bed chamber. "Very, very ill, I fear."

The doctor stepped into the room. He stopped for an instant until he could accustom himself to the general dimness. The woman caught his arm.

"Here," she whispered, and drew him toward the bed.

The young man took the child's tiny wrist between his fingers. Then he leaned over and laid his ear against the child's heart.

"You think," she asked breathlessly. "I think," he replied, looking at her pitifully, "that your little boy—"

"Doctor!"

"But we will do what we can."

Then he issued some hasty directions, and the two began to work silently over the little creature, who lay motionless and impassive under their hands. After an hour the doctor ceased.

"Mrs. Grafton, you must send for your husband."

"He is no better?" she asked, a look of agony creeping into her great dark eyes.

"No better," he answered. "But he does not suffer. Take comfort from that."

She covered her face with her hands for an instant and then said in a dull, quiet tone:

"I am a stranger in Ellsville and have no friend or acquaintance here. When Mr. Grafton went away this morning, the baby did not seem so very ill, but he said he would ask you to call. I have no one to send for him now."

"Where is he?" asked the doctor.

"He has an office on Front street. He is trying to establish an insurance agency here."

"I will go for him," said the doctor and turned away.

Late that afternoon the tiny spark of life that flickered in the child's breast went out. Afterward there were weeks of illness in the old stone house, and when the garden had discarded its blossoms and become a very hovel of green, Marion Grafton, a shadowy creature, with the saddest of dark eyes, walked down the straight path beside her husband, and the gate of the old garden closed upon them forever.

Years sped away. The doctor, who had never married, still lived on the same street, and his housekeeper was fretting and fuming, partly because there was a lady waiting to see him and partly and more particularly because his dinner was growing crisp and dry in the oven. She went to the office door and peeped in at the delicate looking little woman who had sat patiently waiting for the last half hour.

"The doctor's late," she said, "but I'll go and see you."

"From Grimby," replied the woman.

"Did you say Dr. Eaton was quite a middle aged man?" she added anxiously.

"I didn't say, ma'am, but I s'pose you'd call him so in point of age. Ah, here he is now!"

From the window the lady could see a doctor's gig draw up at the curb and a tall, dark man with grizzled beard descend from it.

The doctor entered and looked inquiringly at his visitor with keen, kindly eyes. She rose and said a little uncertainly:

"I—I am afraid I have made a mistake and that you are not the doctor I'm looking for."

Somehow the face and manner of the woman brought to Dr. Eaton's mind an elusive memory of a May morning and a darkened room, with the scent of apple blossoms wafted through closed blinds, and the impression was vague and transitory and was gone before he could attach any meaning to it.

"You were not looking for me, then?" he asked. "If you will tell me the name of the man you want to find, perhaps I can help you."

"I—don't know his name. I—don't remember it," she said, with a flush and a little deprecating smile. "I've been to a great many doctors in Ellsville and have not found him. I'm afraid he must have gone away—or be dead."

Dr. Eaton looked puzzled and sat for a moment, his eyes narrowed in thought and his fingers beating a noiseless tattoo on his knee. The woman watched him silently, the color coming and going in her pale face.

"You—you don't remember a Mrs.

A CARD

To All Interested in the Raising of Any Kind of Stock or Fowl.

It is a well known fact that there have been, and are now on the market, many so called foods for stock that as far as the worth of them goes are entirely worthless and some are injurious. In view of this fact, I am not surprised to find many skeptical folks that say they do not believe in any of them, but reasoning that because we find 10 dishonest men, that all men are dishonest, we well know is wrong.

I am offering for sale the International Stock Food, an article of superior merit, put out by the International Food Co. of Minneapolis, Minn., the largest stock food factory in the world.

It will prevent disease and keep in condition all kinds of stock, fat your pigs and hogs and grow your calves. It is sold on a positive guarantee to give

SATISFACTION OR YOUR MONEY REFUNDED.

They offer a reward of \$100 for any time they ever have refused to refund the money when asked to do so.

I can turn in testimonials from citizens of your own town who have used it with the best of results.

It is something that will pay to try, and remember it costs you nothing it not satisfactory.

The poultry food prevents disease and makes hens lay.

Illustrated booklets free on application.

BETHEL.

YOUNG'S HARNESS STORE.

Grafton?" she asked at last, with some eagerness.

"Mrs. Grafton—Mrs. Grafton," he repeated, shaking his head. "She is not a patient of mine."

"Not now, but somehow I feel as if you must be the man I am looking for. Is there any way you can find out whether you had a patient named Grafton 20 years ago? Oh, it is very important that I should know!" she concluded earnestly.

"I will consult my books of that time," he said kindly and arose.

As he walked across to the closet where he kept these records of his early struggles the woman's eyes followed him with eager intentness. Suddenly she got up and ran to his side.

"Ah, I know it is you! The moment you walked away I knew beyond a doubt. It was just as if I were back again in the room where my baby died and saw you leave me to go for my husband! Oh, you must remember me! You tried so hard to save my dear little boy. I lived in an old stone house that stood in a big garden. I was ill after my baby died, and you attended me—so kindly, so well! And then we went away and did not pay your bill. It is 20 years ago, and you are changed, but I know you now!"

Dr. Eaton had turned and was looking thoughtfully down into her eager face. At last he said slowly:

"I think I do remember you—yes, I know I do. Is there anything I can do to serve you, Mrs. Grafton?"

"Yes," she answered. "When we went away from here, we were very poor. We could not pay you nor pay for the burial of the baby." Her eyes dropped, and she clasped and unclasped her hands nervously. "But oh, how I wanted to! For a time my husband was very fortunate and made a great deal of money. But the debts I speak of, while the thought of them drove me almost wild, did not seem to trouble him. When I urged their payment, he always grew impatient and said they belonged to a time he could not bear to think of. He thought I was heartless to remind him of them. You see," she added hastily, "the loss of our little boy preyed upon his mind and made him depressed and morbid. So at last I ceased altogether to speak of the matter and made up my mind that somehow—some time—I would pay them myself. I never relinquished my purpose, and in all the years after, whether we prospered or whether we struggled for a bare existence, I never touched the sum I had put by as a nucleus, but added to it, little by little. And now I think I have enough. It has taken a long time, and only God knows what a haunting horror has been to me the thought that my little child's funeral expenses, that I felt to be a sacred debt, were still unpaid and lay like a blemish on his innocent memory. And now will you tell me how much I am to pay you and do what you can to help me find the undertaker?"

The doctor sat thoughtfully for a moment, then he glanced up and flashed a smile at his visitor—a smile of such surpassing sweetness that she felt herself smiling, too, half tearfully in sympathy.

"Twenty years is a long time to re-

member a little bill like mine," he said.

"It cannot be a little bill."

"You came here from—"

"Grimby," she replied.

"And you have dined?"

"No-o."

"Then you must be my guest, and afterward I will help you find that man to whom you owe—the other bill."

"I think I remember who it was. Are you and Mr. Grafton living in Grimby?"

"Mr. Grafton has been dead some years," she said. "I am teaching school there."

It was well on in the afternoon when the doctor and Mrs. Grafton returned from their interview with the undertaker.

"I cannot tell you how much I thank you for helping me," she said. "And now please tell me how much yours was."

"I assure you I never gave the matter a thought after the first. Let it rest," he said earnestly, "and some time—"

"Oh, no," she interrupted; "it must be today. Indeed it must. I shall always remember you with the greatest gratitude. But don't you understand how I feel about this?"

"Very well, as it is a matter of conscience with you," he replied.

In one of the old ledgers he found the name Grafton and, making a quick calculation, announced that the indebtedness amounted to \$13, which she handed over to him, with a look that showed how important she deemed the matter.

"And now," she said, holding out her little shabbily gloved hand, "goodby. I will never be able to thank you."

"I'm not your physician," said Dr. Eaton, "but I'll take the liberty of prescribing a seat in my gig for you. I have a patient to visit near the town road."

He spoke as one unaccustomed to having his directions disputed, and Mrs. Grafton submitted smilingly to his decree. So they drove away together in the late afternoon sunshine. As he glanced at her from time to time the doctor saw the look of relief in her face deepen to one of quiet content.

When they had reached her lodgings, he said, "I come to Grimby sometimes"—he had always hated Grimby and avoided it on a principle—"and I shall call and see you if I may."

She smiled her assent.

The doctor held the slender hand in his for a moment and then let go with a smile. He watched her walk up the path in the setting sun.

"A good little thing—a pretty little thing," he said to himself. "And it was a matter of conscience with her."

Then he got thoughtfully into his gig and drove away—San Francisco Call.

A Colorado Jail Matron.

Mrs. M. H. Walker of Denver has been appointed matron of the Arapahoe county jail for a second term. Her work in charge of the women and little boys in the jail has been commended by all charitable and philanthropic persons interested in the condition of the public institutions. Mrs. Walker has a warm sympathy for the prisoners, tempered with a wise judgment of character which makes her invaluable.

For young girls in jail for the first time who show a desire to reform she secures positions where they will have good surroundings and a chance to do better. At her suggestion the Woman's club and the Civic federation have appointed committees to co-operate in this work. The little boys, too, mere children some of them, who are sent to the county jail are fortunate in being under the care of a motherly, warm hearted woman.

The New

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"Watchspring"

The Greatest \$1.25 Corset
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THE FEATURES:

REMOVABLE BONES—

they are pliable, light as a feather because they are watch-springs and absolutely unbreakable.

Sold with

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FOR SALE BY

G. P. BEAN.

OUR ANNUAL SPRING SALE OF COTTON UNDERWEAR.

One lot Night Robes 50c each, hamburger trimmed—good length, full skirt. One lot Night Robes 75c each, tucked yoke and insertion, and hamburger trimmed.

One lot Night Robes 89c each, extra value would be good at \$1. Square neck, hamburger and insertion on yoke, sleeves trimmed with hamburger and tucked.

One lot Night Robes at \$1 each. Hamburger and insertion trimmed, finely tucked, extra good quality cloth, full length, would be cheap at \$1.25.

One lot Night Robes, extra fine, hamburger trimmed at \$1.25 each.

One lot Night Robes, extra fine, hamburger trimmed at \$1.50 each.

One lot Night Robes, extra fine, hamburger trimmed at \$1.75 each.

One lot Night Robes, extra fine, trimmed with hamburger, ribbon and insertion at \$2 each.

One lot Night Robes, very fine, tucked yoke with hamburger ruffle at \$2.50.

Fine Corset Covers, lace and hamburger trimmed at 25c & 50c each.

One lot Drawers, all made of good cloth at 25c, 29c, 50c & 75c per pair.

Long Skirts at \$1, 1.25, 1.75, 1.87, 2.00 and 2.50 each.

Short Skirts at 50c, 65c and 75c each.

MERRITT WELCH,

NORWAY, MAINE.

Branch Store at Harrison.

ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

AETNA INSURANCE Co.

HARTFORD, CONN.

On the 31st day of December, 1899, made to the State of Maine.

Incorporated 1819.

WM. B. CLARK, President.

Commenced Business 1819.

W. H. KING, Secretary.

Capital Paid up in Cash, \$4,000,000.

ASSETS, December 31, 1899.	
Real Estate owned by the Company, unincumbered.....	\$ 230,000.00
Loans on Bond and Mortgage (first liens).....	15,600.00
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, Market Value.....	11,420,613.85
Loans secured by Collaterals.....	11,100.00
Cash in the Company's principal office and in bank.....	705,916.24
Interest due and accrued.....	725.08
Premiums in due course of collection.....	635,455.53

Aggregate of all the admitted Assets of the Company at their actual value..... \$13,019,411.20

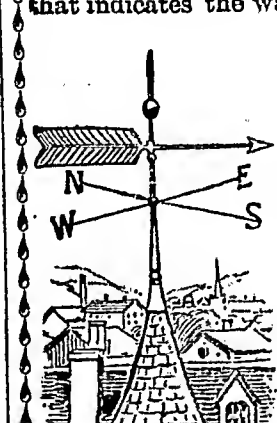
LIABILITIES, December 31, 1899.	
Net amount of Unpaid Losses and Claims.....	\$ 411,633.33
Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks.....	3,278,554.82
All other demands against the Company, viz: Commissions, etc.,.....	171,307.98
Total Liabilities, except Capital Stock and Net Surplus.....	3,861,496.13
Capital actually paid up in cash.....	4,000,000.00
Surplus beyond Capital.....	5,157,915.07

Aggregate amount of Liabilities, including Net Surplus, \$13,019,411.20

FREELAND HOWE, Norway, Maine.
ARTHUR E. MORRISON, Rumford Falls, Me.

A Pointer

that indicates the way the breeze of popular favor is blowing is the gratifying support we are receiving in our effort to save money for our customers at every point in our stock. Careful buying and small profits mean profit for you.



Groceries..

that are fresh and sweet, at prices that are reasonable....

Grain and ..Feed..

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Vivian W. Hills, - Watchmaker & Jeweler.

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Take no chances on your eyes.
If your eyes are bothering you
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LOWEST PRICES FOR FIRST CLASS WORK.

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Get our prices before purchasing and save money.

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NEW OPERA HOUSE BLOCK,

NORWAY, ME.

Ladies' Mahogany Desk....
\$12.50

This desk is polished like a piano and is good value at \$12.50.

It is good value at \$2.

Morris Chair \$5.95

This chair is substantial. No. 1440, direct from the maker. Freight prepaid, sent by express. It is returned at our expense if not positively the best Morris Chair ever sold at so low a price. A solid and strong chair, with a very acceptable gift. Frame of stout white oak, with brass rods and strong casters. It is finished light oak, dark oak or folio green. It has deep, comfortable seat and broad arms. The back is adjustable to 4 positions. It has reversible cushions covered with beautiful figured velour in colors. Small drawer inside and abundant pigeon-hole room. The writing shelf is exceptionally broad and firm. Trimmings are all of solid brass.

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But Dr. Kennedy's Favorite Remedy Will Cure You If You Suffer From Disease of the Kidneys, Liver, Bladder or Blood.

Thirty Years of Cures to Its Credit—Trial Bottle Free.

Kidney diseases should be attended to at once, for almost 90 per cent. of our unexpected deaths of to-day are from that cause. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the only sure cure known for diseases of the Kidneys, Liver, Bladder and Blood, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Chronic Constipation. It is marvelous how it stops that pain in the back, relieves the necessity of urinating so often at night, drives away that scalding pain in passing water, corrects the bad effects of whiskey and beer and shows its beneficial effects on the system in an incredibly short time. It is sold by all drug stores at \$1.00 a bottle.

You can tell just as well as a physician whether your kidneys are diseased or healthy. Fill a tumbler with wine and let it stand 24 hours; if it has a sediment, if it is milky or cloudy, discolored or pale; if it is ropy or stringy, your kidneys and bladder are in a dangerous condition and you do not need a physician to tell you so.

If you would like to test Favorite Remedy free of all charge, send your full name and post office address to the Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y., and a free trial bottle, together with a pamphlet of valuable medical advice, will be sent you postpaid, providing you mention this paper when you write. The publishers of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

WILSON'S MILLS.

E. S. Bennett finished logging last Saturday.

Over a foot of snow fell Wednesday night and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Flint went to Colebrook last Thursday.

E. E. Ellingwood was down from the camp after supplies Tuesday.

One of Bennett and Taylor's men received a very severe injury to his eye last week.

Guy W. Brooks had a six-horse team breaking the road Friday with the snow plow.

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Herminie, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; A. S. Bean, W. Bethel; W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; A. R. Small & Son, Brant Pond.

Lost.

A class ring, bearing the letters X. C. and the class motto "Deeds not words" on the inside. Finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same at the News office.

At THIS SEASON

there is a great demand for White Mustins. For this season we have made special preparation and purchased goods that will interest you.

White Goods

Department.

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| 1 lot Corded Muslins, only | 7c |
| 1 lot Pretty Check Muslins, only | 8c |
| 1 lot Lace Check Muslin, | 10c |
| 1 lot Crinkled Stripes, | 12c |
| 1 lot Fine Corded and Crinkled goods, only | 18c |
| 1 lot 27 in. India Lawn, only | 6c |
| 1 lot 33 in. India Lawn, only | 12c |
| 1 lot 40 in. Lawn, a great bargain, | 18c |
| Special values. 20c, 25c, 37c & 50c | |
| 1 lot Remnants of White Goods at greatly reduced prices. | |

Attend this sale

if you can, but if impossible WRITE FOR SAMPLES.

Thomas Smiley,

NORWAY, ME.

NORWAY.

The High school kept Saturday, as one day was lost during the storm.

Mrs. Charles E. Johnston of Kittery Point, is visiting her brother, Dr. F. E. Drake and her many friends in town.

Merl Hathaway and wife returned to Nashua, N. H., Monday, after a short visit to Mr. Hathaway's home in this village.

Mrs. Olive Young returned to her home in Bethel Saturday, after spending two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. B. F. Bradbury.

Rowe's barber shop is now opposite the post office in the block with Hayes' bakery. Mr. Rowe is the oldest tonsorial artist in town and has a large patronage.

The Mormon elders are still doing active service with their tract distribution. They are very earnest in their endeavors to advance the cause of the Latter Day Saints, and take all rebuff in a matter-of-fact way.

Presiding Elder Ladd, held services in the Methodist church Sunday morning. In the afternoon he visited Bolster's Mills, then returned for a sermon and quarterly conference in the evening, which called forth a large congregation.

A large majority of the voters assembled in the Opera House Monday, to transact business for the town. Moderator Kimball kept the ball rolling, so the excitement was all over at 3 o'clock. At times local party feeling, ran high, yet the results were satisfactory after the political fever died down.

Last week's storm of snow and sleet, came near bringing business to a stand still in town. The derailed engine on the branch, checked the freight service for twenty-four hours. Even the electric cars were forced to stop running, and communication with So. Paris and the main line, was kept up, only by horse power.

The Norway clerks have spared no pains, to make their ball a success next Friday evening in the Opera House. Stearns' full orchestra will furnish excellent music. Aids and the reception committee will welcome strangers, and make the evening pass pleasantly to all. Half fare has been secured on the Grand Trunk, and an extra electric car service to South Paris after the ball.

Mr. Charles H. Adams of Norway, and Mrs. Mary A. Stevens of Andover, were united in marriage Thursday March 1, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Miss Jane Gregg. Rev. Mr. Waterworth of Andover performed the ceremony, the Episcopal ring service being used. The bride wore a beautiful gown of pearl grey silk trimmed with white. The presents were numerous and valuable, indicating the popularity of both bride and groom among their many friends. Mrs. Adams was one of Andover's most estimable ladies, and Mr. Adams is a worthy citizen of this village and one of the most prominent contractors and builders in this State. They arrived at their pleasant home on Main street, Sunday afternoon. Their many friends extend congratulations and a cordial welcome.

EAST ANDOVER.

The Terrington Bros. are bringing the birch to their mill notwithstanding the snow.

Two feet of snow fell Thursday and Friday; a large force was out all day Sunday and Monday shoveling roads.

One wing of the mill in the place owned by Dr. Barnes & Sons was crushed to the ground by the snow; there is machinery in it and no doubt it is quite a loss.

Mrs. Etta T. Godwin's school at So. Andover closed Feb. 23 with an exhibition which we all considered a success. There was a large attendance and the scholars showed a fine talent. Try it again So. Andover.

NEW YORK WORLD. Everyone knows that the New York World stands without a peer among the newspapers of America. If you want the news, the whole news and the news fresh from the wire, you want the Thrice-a-Week World, and here is the way to get it. Send us \$1.00, and we will furnish the Bethel News 1 year and America's greatest paper three times a week for 1 year. Old subscribers may take advantage of this offer by paying up to date and one year in advance. Not a daily, for that would cost \$6.00 per year, but every other day, and your home paper for a whole year for \$1.00. The greatest yet. Grasp it.

Health in Every Drop!

Now is the time for your Spring Remedy,

DR. GREENE'S NERVURA

Blood and Nerve Remedy.

The Best Spring Tonic and Restorative Known to Science—A Boon to the World.

Everybody needs a spring medicine to renew the strength, vigor, snap, and energy of the nerves—to purify and enrich the blood—to make you strong and well. Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy is the one remedy to take—the greatest and best spring medicine the world has ever known.

It is absolutely harmless and every ingredient is a natural food and medicine for the nerves and blood.

Now—in the unhealthy and treacherous spring months—you need Dr. Greene's Nervura most. It has been the world's standard spring medicine for years—the one remedy on which the people can always depend.

It conquers all nervous weakness and exhaustion, spring debility, run-down blood, sleeplessness, dyspepsia, kidney and liver complaints, weakness, and all diseases which accompany debilitated blood and weakened nerve force.

Mrs. E. J. CHERRY, 1 Spring St., Woodford, Me., says: "Last spring my husband and myself were not feeling well, and I was suffering from a nervous difficulty. I did not sleep well, and having had sickness in the family, I had become exhausted. We heard Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy highly recommended by others. My husband and myself used eight bottles and we derived great benefit from its use. I can now sleep well and am better since its use. We think highly of Nervura."

Dr. Greene, 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., is the most successful specialist in curing nervous and chronic diseases. He has remedies for all forms of disease, and offers to give free consultation and advice, personally or by letter. You can tell or write your troubles to Dr. Greene, for all communications are confidential, and letters are answered in plain, sealed envelopes.

NEWRY CORNER.

"Blow, then, March wind, Thy roar shall end in singing, Thy chill, in blossoming: Come, like Bethesda's troubling angel bringing The healing of the Spring."

Call at Frank Bisbee's store for the very best tea.

John Philbrook has been buying calves in this vicinity.

Now, we have had the biggest snow-storm of the season.

Elias M. Bartlett has been buying potatoes of our farmers.

Neely Thompson calls frequently, with flavoring extract for sale.

Elmer Trask has been working or his brother in Gilead, the past week.

The Trask brothers have now concluded their logging operation in Gilead.

Miss Nellie Howard is the happy possessor of a new organ; it was bought almost entirely with her own savings.

H. S. Hastings has concluded to add to his store of ice, as ice is nearly three feet thick under Bear River Bridge.

There was no meeting at the Union Church last Sabbath, as Rev. O. L. Stone filled the pulpit at Bryant Pond.

The Patrons of Bear River Grange have received their year's supply of fertilizer from the "Russian Cement" Co.

Dell Smith came out from his camp at Andover last week, to purchase another horse, one of his being unfit for work, owing to a cut.

On Monday last, as our stage-driver dropped the daily mail, before the occupants of the house could grasp it, old Boreas seized it and whirled it out of sight; this is the second mail-bag and contents which he has unceremoniously confiscated the present winter.

THIS PAPER	Farm Journal
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We want to get 500 new subscribers to our paper, and are going to do it if we can; we therefore continue our arrangement with the Farm Journal by which we can send the News one year and the Farm Journal five years, both for \$1.25. And we make the same offer to old subscribers who will pay all arrearages and one year in advance.

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The Health of the Fields

NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. M. L. Thurston spent Sunday at his home.

Leon Fuller returned to his work in Bethel, this week.

Mrs. Mary Sargent of Upton is caring for her niece.

Miss Elnora Fuller is improving after her short illness of the pneumonia.

Mrs. M. L. Thurston will entertain the No. Newry Sewing Circle next Thursday afternoon and evening, March 8. All are cordially invited.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896 I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial, bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, Publisher of the Review, Wyant, Ill.

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How Are Your Kidneys? Dr. Hobbs' Squaragon Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add: Squaragon Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

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A No. 6 twelve can cream tank, and cans, almost new. Also six good cows coming in this spring. Inquire of H. I. BEAN, Albany, Me.

Constipation, Headache, Biliousness, Heartburn, Indigestion, Dizziness,

Indicate that your liver is out of order. The best medicine to rouse the liver and cure all these ills, is found in

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Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

"Playing Growned Up." "You and your little visitors are doing nothing but sitting about and looking miserable. Why don't you play at something?" "We is playin'." "Playing what?" "We is playin' that we is growned up."

The wife of Governor Atkinson of Georgia was left in straitened circumstances at his death and has accepted an appointment as state agent for certain fire and life insurance companies.

A simple polish for furniture can be made of one part turpentine and three parts linseed oil and is quite as efficacious as any of the expensive ones with fancy names.

You want your money to go the farthest—and we do, too, particularly when you spend it with us. For that reason we always urge our customers to take Beckwith's Round Oak; we believe it to be the best heating stove made in this country. It has been tried and and tested for years, and always proves satisfactory. If it does not we take it back. It burns any kind of fuel. For sale by Hastings Bros.

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In Brownfield, March 1. Mrs. James M. Harmon, aged 70 years.

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receive as careful attention as customers. Write for samples.

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Imperial Serge,	50 inches wide,	\$.58
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Cheviot Serge,	50 " "	.75
Storm Serge,	50 " "	1.00
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Iron Crown Mixtures,	50 " "	1.25

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All Wool Challies—One of the prime favorites for the coming season, so soft and clinging that it drapes artistically, so dainty in its colorings—dark or light ground with scroll pattern, rosebuds or pinks, plain colors or cardinal, electric blue and apple green, dark effects with satin stripe and polka dots—pretty for children's dresses or shirt waists.

Embroidered Swiss—A corded material with bewitching dots of black chenille. .25 and .50
Dimity Satin Raye—Tiny cords and satin stripes, flower designs or bow knots scattered on white, blue, pink or violet ground. .50
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Mercerized Foulards—or Foulardines, closely resemble India silks, launder well. .37
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the blood manufactured by the cow.
Dr. Kitchin in Hoard's Dairyman.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c.
If C. C. G. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

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Ask your physician this ques-
tion, "What is the one great
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He will answer, "Cod-liver
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answer the same way.

Yet when persons have
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they cannot take plain cod-
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turb the stomach and takes
away the appetite. The dis-
agreeable fishy odor and
taste make it almost unen-
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for all affections of the throat
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Not one in ten can take and digest
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take SCOTT'S EMULSION and di-
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Savings Bank Taxes.

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depositors, and in the interest of
others by law more highly favored.
Our legislation insures the choic-
est of Maine investments for the
banks of other states, and their law
makers see to it that they have a
reasonable income from them.

To what extent this "discrimina-
tive" feature has increased the
holdings in Maine banks of Maine
securities, I think it would be hard
to tell. Neither do I know if they
have increased in proportion to the
increase in deposits. The bank I
have the honor to represent, has
made no investment under this
law that I can recall, which it
would not have made if such law
did not exist. We were always
seeking Maine investments of a
character meeting requisite con-
ditions. We do not boast that this
was done altogether from motives
suggested by public spirit, unless
that commendable virtue was evi-
denced by a desire to serve the in-
terests of the depositors in at least
as large a measure as those behind
the investments. Our course was
dictated by what we believed to be
the principles of sound business
common sense.

I have said that this particular
feature, under conditions and cir-
cumstances, was unjust. It so ap-
pears to us unjust, in its effect,
both to the banks and the deposi-
tors. And by implication it was a
reflection upon the intelligence,
judgment and business ability of
the several managements. In
making other investigations I have
been interested in ascertaining if
savings bank management had
warranted this implied reflection
or criticism, whether intended or
accidental.

In his very excellent report for
1898, the Bank Examiner estimat-
ed that in handling an aggregate
of \$300,000,000, in the eighty years
preceding, the management of
Maine banks had subjected the de-
positors to a loss of but two mills
on a dollar of the entire amount.
In this connection the Examiner
makes the following statement:
"Another instance cannot be found
in the history of financial affairs
where such large sums of money
have been invested with so small
a percentage of loss."

A still more remarkable show-
ing, I think, has been made in the
ten years from 1890 to and includ-
ing that just closed. In that peri-
od 1893 marks, as we all know, the
beginning of six years of the most
extensive and disastrous business
depression in the country ever expe-
rienced. From and including 1893
to the beginning of the present
year there were throughout the
country 90,777 business failures,
with liabilities aggregating \$1,375,-
000,000, and an excess of liabilities
over assets of \$378,000,000. In the
thirteen states alone there were
13,881 failures, with liabilities of
\$216,000,000, which figures exceed-
ed the assets in the sum of \$111,-
200,000. In one of the years inter-
vening it is estimated that rail-
road corporations, representing
one-sixth of the entire railroad
mileage of the country, were in
the hands of receivers.

In the ten years including and
following 1890 it is estimated that
the Maine savings bank officials
had the care of and handled (com-
bined) a total of \$150,000,000. And
during that period, they have paid
uninterrupted dividends almost
without individual exceptions, af-
ter contributing \$3,780,000 in taxes
to the State, and have increased
the market surplus to the extent
of \$2,224,228.67. The total loss to
depositors from 1890 on, has been
less than one mill on a dollar of
the aggregate amount estimated to
have been handled. The gross
amount of this loss in ten years is
less than the dividends paid to the
depositors for any one month of
the past year.

It is not becoming to boast of
the results thus shown to have
been achieved; but I submit that
the records of three-fourths of a
century, and of the decade just
closed, should be allowed to stand
as evidence of honest and success-
ful management.

The stock arguments for the ex-
cessive taxes Maine savings banks
are paying are practically limited
to two. The first, that justifying
hitting the head in sight, and hit-
ting it harder because others are
experts at dodging, savors too

It's a Mistake If She Don't.
Who does not admire the lovely tints
of health in a woman's face, the un-
mistakable evidence of serene nerves
and pure blood? How much less fre-
quently are such faces seen than those
that indicate worry, weakness and dis-
ease. Discontent comes from weak-
ness and disease. Female troubles
ruin to health, happiness and sweet-
ness of disposition, unless the right
treatment is used to cure. Dr. Greene,
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strongly of highway robbery to
merit answer. The other, that
the vaults of our savings banks
are the depositories of the other-
wise idle money of those who seek
to screen it from taxes, is nearly
as difficult to consider with pa-
tience. Eliminate from the large-
est deposits those made during
the process of settlement of estates
and those consisting of trust funds
deposited for frequent or early
withdrawals, and a number would
remain hardly sufficient to prove
the rule that all deposits are small.
But suppose there should creep
into our vaults relatively large
amounts from a few so short
sighted and so ignorant of con-
ditions as to expect to escape tax-
ation, should that fact, if it is a
fact, impair the strength of claims
for fair play and justice, from the
140,000 whose accounts represent
the penny savings of the school
boy, and the larger accumulation
of others which have yet to reach
the \$500 mark, or of the smaller
number, who by economy and
self-denial have succeeded in
building their deposits somewhat
beyond that figure?

If people of wealth have intrus-
ted their money to our care from
the unworthy motives suggested,
they may be interested to know
that it required in 1899 the com-
bined efforts of all the assessors of
the state to unearth \$57,000 in
bonds upon which to levy tax.

These two arguments answered,
so far as they merit answer, we
are met by the question, common
when justice is demanded, and no
reason for denying it is found:
"What are you going to do about
it?"

What are we going to do about
it? The taxes have been increas-
ed by nearly every law enacted for
years, regardless of the protests
and in opposition to the efforts of
those in position best to fore-
shadow the unjust and possibly
dangerous results to follow. I
would not presume to question or
criticise the methods pursued in
the past to protect our depositors
from what we consider the unrea-
sonable demands of the state, and
it would not be in good taste for
me to offer recommendations or
suggest plans; but I have wonder-
ed if that course is wisest which
has left this task to be assumed
wholly by the savings bank offi-
cials.

It has been said that the deposi-
tors have manifested but little in-
terest in this subject of taxes upon
their property. If this be true,
may not such lack of interest be
attributed to lack of knowledge of
it and of its details? Is it remark-
able that they are not familiar
with it and them? It is doubtful
if in each of the communities rep-
resented by the gentlemen pres-
ent, there are a dozen other peo-
ple, other than those who have
found it necessary to investigate,
who can name the tax rate we have
paid in any year since the taxes
were first assessed.

We know, largely because we
have been obliged to know, that
the taxes exceed those of any of
the other eastern states, and any
of the middle states, the rates
varying from entire exemption in
New York, New Jersey and Penn-
sylvania, to those which we are
paying; that while the tax rates
have increased sixty per cent. since
1872, the rates of dividends have
decreased forty-five per cent.; and
that while the state tax rate has
decreased fifty-two per cent., the
bank tax has increased to the ex-
tent I have named. We know
that while some of our railroad
properties pay to stockholders
(nearly one-half of whom are non-
residents), ten dollars or more of
dividends for every dollar the
same properties contribute to the

state's revenue, our depositors are
paying to the state one dollar of
tax to less than five dollars of
dividends. It is well known to us
that Maine exacts from all the
steam railroads in and entering
the state less than forty-one per
cent of the taxes the savings banks
are paying. We learn from the
annual reports that Maine risks,
written in 1898, by 233 foreign and
domestic life, fire, marine and mis-
cellaneous insurance companies,
amounted in the aggregate to
\$198,000,000; and that the total
contribution to the state's revenue
from these several companies, in
licenses, fees and taxes, was less
than nineteen per cent. of taxes
paid by the Maine savings banks.
We know that the tax upon the
vast tracts of wild lands, from
which have grown some of the
largest fortunes of the state, and
which have fallen to their present
owners at a cost hardly worth con-
sidering, is but ten per cent., of the
amount the savings banks are con-
tributing. We know that the com-
bined taxes of all the loan and
building associations, street rail-
ways, telegraph, telephone and ex-
press companies, in and doing
business in the state, are but seven
per cent. of the annual savings
bank tax. And we easily deter-
mine that the state receives from
all of the corporations, institu-
tions and properties which I have
named, but little more than seven-
ty-five per cent. of the amount
annually assessed upon savings
bank deposits.

But with how much of all this
are the depositors familiar? They
sometimes complain of the shrink-
age in dividends, and we refer
them to shrinkage in the earning
power of securities; but I doubt if
we often explain that the law ex-
acts in taxes twenty-five per cent.
of such diminished revenue. We
may refer them to results of un-
fortunate investments; but not
often. I think, to the fact that for
every dollar of loss upon deposits,
in eighty years, the state annually
demands fifty cents and more in
taxes. We refer them to the ex-
press account of two mills on each
dollar of the assets; but I imagine
some of them have yet to learn
that for every dollar of cost for
management, the state demands
nearly three dollars for its own
revenue. We refer them to the
appropriation each six months for
reserve, with which to strengthen
the condition of the banks, and
protect the interests of the deposi-
tors; but I doubt very much if we
often emphasize the fact that the
state demands one dollar and fifty
cents in taxes, for every dollar so
appropriated for their protection.
We may refer them to such reser-
vations from profits; but do we ex-
plain that the state, each six
months, demands a tax upon accu-
mulations of earnings in reserve,
and upon profits necessary for di-
vidends, and that a tax upon earn-
ings or profits, if exacted of indus-
tries we are asked to aid in pro-
moting, would be resisted by every
means which ingenuity could de-
vise, and by every process known
to law which such industries could
find to employ? The depositors
may regard a tax even upon wages
for daily toil as a relief of ages that
are past, or as the custom of peo-
ples whom we seek to enlighten
and civilize; but how many of such
depositors are aware that their
own state, self-conscious of its
enlightenment and intelligence,
boasting of beneficent laws enact-
ed for the amelioration of the con-
dition of its people, and proud of
the frugal habits of its citizens,
which habits it claims to have fos-
tered and encouraged, exacts a re-
venue, not only upon the pitiful
savings from wages of daily toil,
but upon the meagre earnings of
such savings as well?

At the inception of the move-
ment for establishing savings
banks in the state of New York,
acts of incorporation prescribed
that for the purpose of encourag-
ing habits of industry and econo-
my, such institutions should re-

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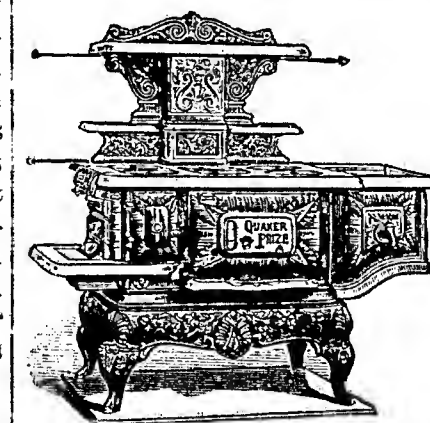
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Two Artistic Girls—American Women
Sculptors—Told Her Not to Worry—
A Working Girl's Allowance,
Where Women Vote.

Miss Anna Caulfield, who has been
selected by Commissioner Ferdinand
W. Peck as a member of the fine arts
department of the Paris exposition, is
known in art circles as a critic and
judge of ability. She delivered the
closing address at the art congress of
the Transmississippi exposition at
Omaha, read a paper on "Art for Women's
Clubs" at the Denver biennial
and has lectured before all the promi-
nent women's clubs of Chicago. Miss



MISS ANNA CAULFIELD.

Caulfield is the daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. John Caulfield of Grand Rapids,
but spends much time in Chicago. She
was a student at Radcliffe college and
studied in various European art centers.
On her return from Europe she
spoke in Washington before President
and Mrs. McKinley and a party of
their friends. Miss Caulfield showed
an interest in art when a young girl,
and her father, a capitalist, has given
her the liberal education she will use
at Paris during the coming fair.—Chi-
cago Tribune.

Two Artistic Girls.

An attractive shop has recently been
opened in New York as a venture by
two girls. One of them, whose father's
financial reverses obliged her to sup-
port herself and assist her younger sis-
ters, has for a year or two been mak-
ing beautiful decorative things and
disposing of them at private sale. Her
artistic taste in color, her skill in de-
signing, her alertness in finding or in-
venting novelties, brought an increas-
ing demand for her work, and she em-
ployed several expert workpeople to
make up her articles. She was also kept
busy in assisting her friends in select-
ing furniture, curtains, pictures, etc.
Having a small capital, but a large circle
of rich and liberal patrons, she de-
cided to open a shop in a good locality,
take in as a partner a friend who was
equally desirous of learning to be self
supporting, send out cards and begin
business. Her rooms, although small,
are charming. The woodwork is enameled
white, the walls are covered with
cartridge paper of a gray green tint,
the windows have dainty muslin cur-
tains, and there are cushioned window
seats. A few good pictures are on the
walls. Choice pieces of antique mahog-
any furniture, chairs, desks and tables
are here and there, these being for
sale, as the enterprising proprietor in-
tends to make a specialty of collecting
and disposing of quaint and rare furni-
ture, etc. There is a bewildering array
of pretty things, such as lamp shades,
sofa cushions, screens, boxes for jew-
els and for gloves, workbags and dozens
of useful and ornamental trifles.
Lovely silken stuffs were used to cover
the plain iron book rests such as are
utilized in public libraries. One in a
silk of oriental pattern—green, crimson
and lemon—was very noticeable. The
edges of the book rack, when covered,
were lined with strands of gold
thread caught together at intervals.
Pretty photograph frames for holding
cabinet and larger photographs were
made of wall paper. One was gay
with scarlet poppies, another had pluk
roses, a third purple lilacs, but the se-
cret of their beauty was that a skillful
hand had washed in with water color
shadowy backgrounds of gray tones
and touched up the high lights with
opaque white. The girls who are man-
aging this new enterprise deserve suc-
cess, but others must not be led into a
similar scheme without assured artistic
talent, good judgment, practical ex-
perience, some capital and a large
number of interested and influential
friends, and they must, moreover, have
the ability to extend their business be-
yond a friendly boundary, or failure
may be the result.—Delmonter.

American Women Sculptors.

The American national jury on sculp-
ture for the Paris exposition is com-
posed of H. C. Adams, D. C. French,
Charles Greenly, Bela L. Pratt, J. Q. A.
Ward and Lorado Taft. Sculpture,
says the New York Tribune, is compar-
atively a new field for women. Among
the women sculptors who produced the
statues shown at the World's fair,
working under the direction of Lorado
Taft, were Julia Brecken, Ellen Han-
kin and Mrs. Lou W. Moore. Miss
Brecken had charge of the women
modelers and herself modeled the large
figure of "Illinois Welcoming the Na-
tions," which stood above the door of
the Illinois building. Mrs. Lou Moore
has been commended by the Art Stu-
dents' league. When the National
Sculpture society of New York accept-
ed her bust of John R. Bunsley, it was
considered so strong the judges
refused to believe it was the work of a
woman.

Bessie Potter is another sculptor
whose work has been in great demand.

Three cities claim Miss Potter. Born
in St. Louis, she was educated in Chi-
cago and recently married a painter,
R. W. Vonnob, in New York.

Of the monuments and statuary
erected to women America has not a
few, although the city of Paris is said
to lead the world in such monuments.
The "Margaret" statue in New Or-
leans, the monument to Winnie Davis
in Hollywood cemetery, Richmond,
erected by the Daughters of the Con-
federacy, and the monument to Reu-
bena Hyde Walworth, erected in Sara-
toga under the auspices of the Sara-
toga and Mary Washington Colonial
chapters, Daughters of the American
Revolution, are among the American
specimens of such art.

It is said that, with the exception of
Victoria, queen of England, no woman
has been the original of so much plas-
tic art as the "Maid of Orleans," Joan
of Arc. It has been estimated that all
the world over not more than 50 monu-
ments have been erected to women.
More monuments have been erected to
Emperor William I of Germany than to
all the famous women put together.
Nearly a century after Maria Theresa's
death Austria erected a monument to
her memory. The Russian sculptors
Mikserlin and Opekushin were re-
nowned by a bronze statue of Catha-
rine the Great. Queen Louise of Prus-
sia has a beautiful statue of purest
Carrara marble in Berlin.

Told Her Not to Worry.

For a number of years when a cou-
vention of either men or women has
met in Rochester it has been the cus-
tom of Miss Susan B. Anthony and her
sister to open their hospitable home
one evening for the reception of the
delegates, no matter what their color,
religion or politics. This was done as
usual not long ago on the occasion of a
large meeting of women. The house
was open from bottom to top, and most
of the guests were especially interested
in the big "attic," where the biography
was written and all the vast collection
of suffrage literature is placed. As
they were leaving one woman came up
to Miss Anthony and said, "My con-
science will not allow me to go away
without telling you that I am an officer
in the Antisuffrage association." "That
is all right, my dear," said the great
apostle of woman's emancipation, pat-
ting her on the back in a motherly
way. "Your organization is doing a
splendid work. I and my associates
have been fighting for 50 years to se-
cure for women the right to speak in
public and go before the legislatures
with their various demands. You and
the other 'antis' are taking advantage
to the utmost of all these privileges,
showing that women really did want
them, although they didn't know it.
You are an excellent object lesson.
When we finally secure the franchise
and the right to hold office, you women
will step immediately in and take the
full benefit of that also. You are help-
ing the movement in your own way, so
don't worry."—New York Sun.

A Working Girl's Allowance.

It is wrong for a working girl's par-
ents to take all her earnings every
week, as it is customary to do, the par-
ents buying the girl's clothing for her.
It would be much better for the girl
and for her parents themselves, if they
only knew it—if she were allowed to
keep so much of her salary every week
for clothes—it need not be more than
the parents would spend for her—and
let her buy her own clothing herself.
The girl knows how hard her money is
to earn, and her spending it is a profit-
able experience. Of course at first she
will make injudicious purchases—buy
the wrong sort of things and pay too
much for them in the eyes of her ex-
perienced mother—but if the mother
will quietly point out to the girl how
she could have done better with her
money it will be found that eventually
the girl will not only be economical—
as good a business woman—as her
mother, but much more so, she having
been allowed an earlier beginning.

Another great mistake that poor peo-
ple as a rule make is that because the
girls of the family are workers in shops
and the like they are excused from all
home duties and domestic responsibil-
ities. Mothers whose daughters are
employed during the day should man-
age it so that the daughters assist in
the purchasing of household needs—
food, additional furniture and the like
—for in this way they get to know the
market value of things which they will
probably be called upon some day to
purchase for their own homes.—Hatty
Green in Woman's Home Companion.

The Countess de Castellane present-
ed quite a regal appearance at the op-
era the other evening, says a New
York exchange. Her coronet denoting
her rank was a distinguishing feature
of her costume, and it was made more
noticeable by the orange velvet which
lined it. She wore a gown of purple,
and around the corsage were flowers
of tints to be seen in autumn foliage
and matching better the velvet of the
coronet than the gown.

Oyster cakes are made by chopping
a quart of oysters into small pieces and
seasoning them with pepper and salt;
then adding the liquor, two well beaten
eggs and rolled cracker crumbs to
make a stiff mixture. Drop by the ta-
blespoonful into hot butter and cook
until well browned.

Earrings have certainly returned. At
present only the screw variety are ex-
tensively worn. There are seen, how-
ever, earrings with two stones, set one
below the other and fastened just be-
low the lobe of the ear.

Queen Elizabeth of Roumania gives
public lectures, but is also expert with
her needle. At a recent doll show in
Berlin a leading feature was a collec-
tion of dolls dressed entirely by her.

Women, Remember This Fact

That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham
you are communicating with a woman
—a woman whose experience in treat-
ing woman's ills is greater than that
of any living person—male or female.

A woman can talk freely to a wo-
man when it is revolving to relate her
private troubles to a man.
Many women suffer in silence and
drift along from bad to worse, know-
ing full well that they should have
immediate assistance, but a natural
modesty impels them to shrink from
exposing themselves to the questions
and probable examination of even
their family physician. It is unneces-
sary. Without money or price you can
consult a woman, whose knowledge
from actual experience is unequalled.

Women suffering from any form of
female weakness are invited to freely
communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at
Lynn, Mass.

All letters are received, opened,
read and answered by women only.

This is a positive fact—not a mere
statement. It is certified to by the
major and postmaster of Lynn and
others whose letters, all in a little book,
Mrs. Pinkham has just published.
Write for a copy, it is free. Thus
has been established the eternal con-
fidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the
women of America which has never
been broken and has induced more
than 100,000 sufferers to write her for
advice during the last few months.

Out of the vast volume of experience
which she has to draw from, it is
more than possible that she has gained
the very knowledge that will help
your case. She asks nothing in re-
turn except your good-will, and her
advice has relieved thousands. Here
are some of the cases we refer to:

**Mrs. Pinkham Helps
Two Women Through
Change of Life and Cures
Another of Sterility.
Read Their Letters.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I feel that it
is owing to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vege-
table Compound that I am alive to-
day. It has taken me out of a sick
bed where I had lain for six weeks
with a good doctor to tend me twice a
day. My trouble was change of life,
had frequent hemorrhages. Your medi-
cine checked the flow right away. I
am now able to do all my work, and
backache is unknown. I am forty-
three years of age and enjoying good
health."—MRS. ANNIE POSTEN, Cascade
Locks, Oregon.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—When I first
wrote to you, I was in a very bad con-
dition. I was passing through the
change of life, and the doctors said I
had bladder and liver trouble. I had
suffered for nine years. Doctors failed
to do me any good. Since I have taken
Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-
pound my health has improved very
much. I will gladly recommend your
medicine to others and am sure that it
will prove as great a blessing to them
as it has to me."—MRS. GEO. H. JUNE,
901 E. 14th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I was my
ardent desire to have a child. I had
been married three years and could
not become a mother, so wrote to you
to find out the reason. After follow-
ing your kind advice and taking Lydia
E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I
became the mother of a beautiful baby
boy, the joy of our home. He is a fat,
healthy baby, thanks to your medi-
cine."—MRS. MINA FINKLE, Ros-
coe, N. Y.

**Two More Women Who
Acknowledge the Help
they Have Received from
Mrs. Pinkham.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—The doctor
says I have congestion of the womb,
and cannot help me. There is aching
in the right side of abdomen, hip, leg,
and back. If you can do me any good,
please write."—MRS. NINA CHASE,
Fulton, N. Y., December 20, 1897.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I followed
your instructions, and now I want
every woman suffering from female
trouble to know how good your advice
and medicine is. The doctor advised
an operation. I could not bear to
think of that, so followed your advice.
I got better right off. I took six bottles
of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-
pound and used three packages of
Sanative Wash; also took some Liver
Pills, and am cured."—MRS. NINA
CHASE, Fulton, N. Y., December 12,
1898.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—Have been
suffering for over a year and had three
doctors. At time of menstruation I
suffer terrible pains in back and
ovaries. I have headache nearly every
day, and feel tired all the time. The
doctor said my womb was out of place.
Would be so glad if you could help me."
—MRS. CARL VOSS, Sac City, Iowa,
August 1, 1898.

"Please accept my sincere thanks for
the good your advice and Lydia E.
Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has
done me. I did everything you told
me to do, and used only three bottles,
and feel better in every respect."—
MRS. CARL VOSS, Sac City, Iowa, March
23, 1899.

**Mrs. Pinkham has Fifty
Thousand Such Letters as
Above on File at Her Of-
fice—She Makes no State-
ments She Cannot Prove.**

A Free Trip to Paris!
Reliable persons of a mechanical or inventive mind
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USELESS GARGLING.

Experiments Which Throw Doubt
Upon a Time Honored Custom.

The whole therapeutic value of gar-
gling, says a medical authority, de-
pends on whether the fluid used reach-
es the mucous membrane of the phar-
ynx and tonsils or not. The scientist
who have been testing the matter de-
clare that a liquid cannot reach the
tonsils or back of the throat because
the air expelled by the lungs in the
effort of gargling, as well as the shape
assumed by the victim, throws the
liquid away from the very parts it is
supposed to reach.

The experiments which have demon-
strated the utility of gargling were
made by Dr. Sanger of Munich and
have since been confirmed by many
other investigators. The method of
conducting the experiment was sim-
ple. The tonsils of a patient were
painted with methylene blue, a very
soluble dye, which gives an intense
color. The patient was then given a
glass of plain distilled water and was
instructed to gargle with it.

When the water which the patient
ejected from his mouth was examined
it was found to be absolutely colorless.
A glance at the patient's tonsils show-
ed that they were as blue as ever.
Then another and more exact experi-
ment was decided upon.

When starch is touched by iodine, it
immediately turns a bright blue. A
portion of the tongue, velum and ton-
sils of the patient were therefore dust-
ed over with wheat flour, which is rich
in starch, and he was then given a
weak solution of iodine to gargle.

This procedure meant that if any of
the liquid which the patient was using
as a gargle touched the wheat flour it
would immediately color it blue. What
the patient had used all the gargle,
his mouth was examined. It was found
that the velum and tongue bore the
blue reaction of the iodine, showing
that the flour had been reached by the
liquid, but on the tonsils the flour had
neither been colored nor washed away.

Vegetable Medicines.

In an address before the Illinois Hor-
ticultural society L. H. Colloway said
"Honey is wholesome, strengthening,
purifying, healing and nourishing. I
have reference to the kind made by
bees, not the glucose kind. Persons
suffering from rheumatism, nervous
diseases and nervous dyspepsia should
eat celery and turnips. Onions are al-
most the best nerve known and will
quickly relieve and tone up a wornout
system and are beneficial in cases of
coughs, colds, influenza, scurvy and
liver complaints. Lettuce eaten by
those who suffer from insomnia is ben-
eficial. Let those who need iron for a
tonic eat spinach, and let the drug
(iron) alone. Persons suffering from
gravel should eat onions and spinach.
Carrots should be eaten by those who
have asthma. Let those who need in-
creased perspiration to relieve over-
worked kidneys and lungs eat aspara-
gus. Cranberries are proper diet for
those suffering from erysipelas. They
should also be applied externally. Lem-
ons satisfy and cool the thirst in fever.
Blackberries are a tonic. Blackberry
cordial is the proper remedy for diar-
rhea. Persons who are bilious, who
have indigestion and dyspepsia, condi-
tions for which calomel is usually pre-
scribed, should let the calomel alone
and eat freely of ripe tomatoes. Let
those who have rheumatism and need
an aperient eat plump. The apple,
excelling other fruits in phosphoric
acid, is an excellent brain food. It is
aperient and diuretic and hence obvi-
ates indigestion and dyspepsia and as-
sists kidney secretion and prevents
gravel."

Magnets For Lifting.

Electro magnets are becoming more
and more common for lifting purposes,
says the Washington Star, and are
made to do the work formerly accom-
plished by means of a chain and hook.
Where hot iron plates have to be han-
dled the serviceability of the electro-
magnet method is most pronounced.
In a large English foundry a number
of the electro magnets capable of car-
rying a load of 4,000 pounds are used.
These magnets consume 5½ amperes
of current at a pressure of 110 volts.
At the Woolwich arsenal the greater
part of the moving of large projectiles
is done by electro magnets. Many large
works in this country use them for
lifting heavy weights, transporting
them rapidly from one point to an-
other by electric motors. Magnets of
from one to five horsepower are the
usual sizes used.

Blowing Down Lamp Chimneys.

A mother's attempt to extinguish a
lamp by blowing down the globe was
directly responsible for the explosion
which resulted in the death of Walter
Wilson, 4 years old, at the home of his
parents, 1744 Beechwood street, says
the Philadelphia Bulletin. This was
developed at the coroner's inquest. The
coroner explained to the jury that the
case was the seventh of a similar
character in a short time. All the
deaths were directly responsible to the
ignorance of those who attempt to ex-
tinguish lamps by blowing down the
globe, and the coroner intimated that
the Wilson case ought to be a warning
to those whose homes are lighted by
lamps and who are foolishly and reck-
less in the methods employed to extin-
guish them.

Bacterin in Hallstones.

According to Professor Harrison, Can-
adian hall-stones have two unknown
species of micro organisms to which
he has applied the names, respectively,
of Bacterium flavus grandinis and Mu-
cor matheus grandinis. He also, like
preceding investigators, has discovered
in hallstones various fluorescing
bacteria, which leads him to support
the theory of Bujwid that hallstones
are produced from surface water
which is carried up by storms and then
"frozen."—Popular Science.

INSOMNIA

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mend them to my friends as being all they are
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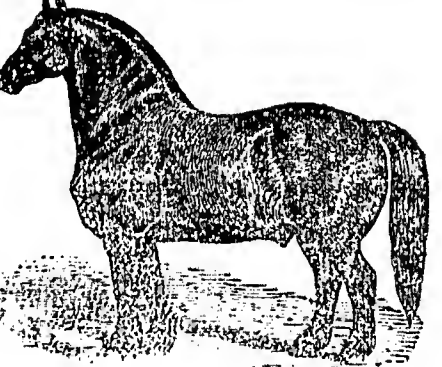
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TRAINS FROM ISLAND POND TO PORTLAND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond,	2.40	6.00
Gorham,	4.35	8.25
Gilead,	5.02	8.46
West Bethel,	5.14	8.50
BETHEL,	5.24	9.04
Locke's Mills,	5.36	9.13
Bryant Pond,	5.45	9.21
South Paris,	6.17	9.53
Portland,	8.10	11.30

TRAINS FROM PORTLAND TO ISLAND POND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	P. M.	A. M.
Portland,	6.00	1.30
South Paris,	7.53	3.33
Bryant Pond,	8.35	4.18
Locke's Mills,	8.45	4.27
BETHEL,	9.00	4.38
West Bethel,	9.10	4.40
Gilead,	9.24	4.50
Gorham,	10.00	5.42
Island Pond,	12.20	8.00

Sunday paper train leaves Portland going west at 8.30 a. m., South Paris 10.19, Bryant Pond 10.51, Locke's Mills 10.59, Bethel 10.10, West Bethel 11.20, Gilead 11.34, Gorham 12.00, arriving in Berlin 12.15.

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Our Young Readers

Valedictory.

Another term is drawing to a close and we must leave the school room, school-mates and teacher for a number of weeks, then probably most of us will begin another series of duties similar to those we have just taken part in, but not with the same teacher to help and encourage us.

We little realized when the term began, that it would be so hard to have the last day come, for we really looked forward to the time when we should be free from our studies for a while, but the days have passed all too quickly, and now that the end is here, it is not as pleasant as we anticipated.

Of course every term has its little unpleasant happenings, but we have all tried in our simple way to do right and help our teacher all we could, and we hope we have not tried in vain. Now our labors must end for a time, it seems too sad for us to believe, but nevertheless it is true.

Teacher and school-mates, farewell. We are to be separated, not forever, but for a while, and shall never forget the days we have spent in pleasure here together, and the parting we so regret.

MARIA VALENTINE.

Bethel, Me.

Just a Little Boy.

There is a boy in our town
(And he is wondrous wise),
Who, when the rain comes pouring down
And clouds o'erspread the skies,
Says, "I'll just smile the best I can,
No matter how it pours,
And we'll have sunshine in the house,
If it does rain out of doors."

When naughty words swarm through his brain
And clamor to be said,
He shuts his teeth together tight
And says, "I'll tell you dead,
Unless you will be sweet and kind
And good and full of fun,
You can't come out until you are;
No, not a single one!"

He thinks when he's a grown up man,
With wise and sober face,
He'll do some wondrous deed to make
This earth a brighter place,
But nothing in this wide world
Can give more lasting joy
Or make more solid sunshine
Than just a little boy.

—Mary M. Parks.

Effect of Altitude.

Perhaps in no state in the Union has climate so much to do with the character of the people as in Colorado. The contention of a writer in *Alfred's*. He says in part: "Go into Colorado, climb the long ascent from the level of the Missouri, and then as you emerge from the train into the handsomely improved streets and among the unsurpassed brick and stone residences of Denver feel your head swim with the lofty altitude and the rarefied air; then realize that the miners went on a mile farther into the air, that they are working and taking out millions of dollars of gold at Cripple Creek, at Leadville and a dozen other places. It will make you pause to think what exaltation there is in dwelling there always, what staying powers the pioneers must have had. Wait a day or so, until the vertigo has passed away, and the exhilaration comes to you that always comes when you have climbed a mountain and stood upon its top and gazed out over a wide world that expands below you. Then you will begin to feel that electric, that nervous surcharge, that indomitable, undiscoverable, almost towering spirit of elevation and still further elevation that makes Colorado almost the liveliest, the most irrefragable, the most determined element in the American body, social and political."

Safeguards Against Ptomaines.
Although it has been proved that the greater number of the products of putrefaction known as ptomaines are not poisonous, science has not been able to distinguish preventively between the deadly and the harmless. According to a writer in the *Baltimore American*, it is rarely, even in cases of death from ptomaines poisoning, that the elusive ptomaine has been discovered in succeeding examinations. Chemical agents are discovered known to indicate the presence of ptomaines, but the skilled chemist has found at the end of long and careful analysis that somehow the putrefactive alkaloid has decomposed, evaporated or been destroyed by a reagent he used. The fact that the poison is of putrefactive origin gives weight to the precaution that food to be harmless must be absolutely fresh and prepared with the greatest care, and in this consist all the safeguards possible against ptomaines.

Electrold Gas.

The township of Hunnabny, a village between Scarborough and Bridlington, in England, will in future be lighted with electrold gas. Electrold gas is acetylene, with the admixture of inert matter and a proportion of oxygen. Its manufacture is simple, and the gas can be delivered through any ordinary gas main pipes at the ordinary pressure. It can be measured by means of gas meters and charged for in the same way as is the custom where ordinary coal gas is used. It is a light of great purity and brilliancy.—*Scottish American*.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets.
Candy Cathartics, cure constipation forever.
10c, 25c. If C. C. O. fail, druggists refund money.

STRANGE FOSTER MOTHER.

An Old Hen Takes Possession of a Litter of Kittens.

A cat and five kittens were found one morning comfortably ensconced in the hayloft of a stable at Blocken-hurst. They were not wanted there, and so the stableman removed the family to a crib in a stall, where a broody but persistent hen had been for many days sitting upon some china eggs. Before long sounds of a struggle were heard, and the cat left her little ones with a good deal of haste.

On investigating the stableman found to his astonishment that the hen had driven out the cat and taken her place as foster mother of the kittens, nor would she permit the cat to return. She cooed to the kittens and her best to amuse them. When they became restless, she exercised maternal authority in keeping them well within bounds. Sometimes, while attending to one side of her nest, a kitten would stray from the others. But the foster mother was not to be evaded. She would at once leave her place and search till she found the truant and persuaded it by pushing and other means to return to the nest.

Of course it was necessary that the cat should be allowed to approach her offspring from time to time in order to feed them. The hen had then to be forcibly removed and the door barred against her. No sooner was it opened than the hen would drive out the cat and resume her place as head of the household. At night she spread her wings over the little animals just as though they were chickens, and certainly they seemed to like the cozy warmth of their feathered quilt.—*Everybody's Magazine*.

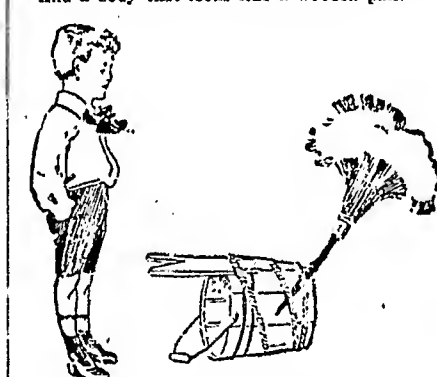
Had Bird Friends.

There are many instances in which an author made a pet of a bird. In Mrs. Gordon's biography of her father there is a story told of how he found a hapless sparrow one day on the doorstep, scarcely fledged and quite unable to care for itself. He carried it into his room and cared for it, and from that day it became his pet. It became perfectly domesticated, leading a life of peace and prosperity with its kind patron for nearly 11 years.

That gifted and lovable woman Mrs. Somerville kept herself surrounded by birds, and her fondness for them was so great that even when engaged on the most abstruse problems she thought she could work better and with a mind more at ease if she had one of her favorites for a companion. In her letters she writes of her "dear old parrot, Lory, who is still alive and merry," and later speaks about the tamed sparrow that always sat on her arm when she wrote. She tells of the nightingales and other birds that she had rescued from dogs, and of her favorite long tailed parakeet Esmeralda, which lived with her many years.

The Funniest Cow.

This is the cow with the crumpled horn,
Funniest cow that ever was born—
A bootjack head and a duster tail
And a body that looks like a wooden pail.



But this is the cow that jumped over the moon,
Then danced a jig on a silly old tune,
And she gives her milk condensed in a can,
And she's milked at night by the boy man.
And all these things are true I know,
For Little Boy Blue has told me so.
—R. McArthur in Brooklyn Eagle.

Fanny Indian Boys.

I wonder if many of our boys are as anxious to please their teacher as are a certain class of little Indian boys out in South Dakota. A teacher among the Sioux in that state tells this story: "The boys had made a great deal of noise going down stairs at noon, and the next day I tried to impress upon them the necessity for going down stairs quietly in order to avoid disturbing the classes. I did not expect that this caution would be effective, as I could not be sure that they understood me. I was agreeably surprised at the quiet that prevailed the next day when they went out and, stepping into the hall, was just in time to see the last pair of heels suspended in the air. The boys, in their anxiety to obey my injunction, were crawling down stairs on their hands and knees."

A Treat For Johnny.

A little girl who loves to tease as well as to eat candy recently carried a box of chocolates to school. At recess she took her box of sweets to the grounds, and, of course, all of the little tots wanted "a bite." One little boy had asked for candy several times and every time the girl lovingly would dance about displaying her sweets, but giving none to any one. At last this same boy determined to have some, and, going up to the candy girl, said: "Please, now, Flossie, please give me a bite. You know I'd give you a lot of bites if it was mine." At this point Flossie bent her tiny body forward and said: "No, but you may kiss my mouth while it's all sticky."

Wonderful Fly.

A fly so minute as to be almost invisible ran three inches in half a second and was calculated to make no less than 540 steps in the time a healthy man would breathe once. A man with proportionate agility could run 24 miles in a minute.

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Savings Bank Taxes.

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ceive and carefully invest the savings which such habits might make possible and insure. Ownership of principal, revenue and surplus was vested in depositors, and declared absolute and entire, with no reduction from revenue except for expense of management, and no reservation of surplus and accumulations except such as wisdom and prudence might suggest necessary for safety and protection. From the date of the incorporation of its first savings bank until now, that state has kept the pledges first made, and adhered to the policy first adopted, resisting every effort to secure a violation of the one or a modification of the other. The "Treat" bill, for a partial taxation of savings bank deposits, recently before the present New York legislature, exempted all sums of one thousand dollars and less, an exemption which, in our own State, would include ninety per cent. or more, of Maine deposits. But even this measure, which, if applied to Maine banks, might justly be considered practical exemption, met with such reception that but few have been found for its support, other than its originator, and those who hoped to profit by its adoption as a law. Appeals from railroad corporations, to which enormous gifts in franchise and rights of way had been made and conceded by state and communities, were of no avail. Influence of great water ways, with extravagant subsidies granted by legislative enactment, counted for nothing. Great corporations, practically owning by gift the streets of cities and towns for the supply of water and light, sought to aid the measure for taxing the savings of the poor, and received no reward for their labors. The efforts of electric light, street railway, telegraph and telephone corporations, with franchises, concessions and privileges, the value of which may be known only by those who profit from them, and whose countless miles of wires are a constant menace to safety of life and property, were no more fruitful or effective. Rival institutions schemed, without success, to secure for their own vaults, for profit to stockholders, funds, the safety of which the state had pledged itself to insure, and the earnings of which the law vested in the depositors alone. Corporations whose glowing accounts of values and earnings were necessary for the floating of securities, and whose statements of poverty and meagre profits were for the eyes of the assessors alone, sought in vain to substitute their own for the securities which made possible and assured the safety of deposits. And the claim, familiar to us, that deposits were not alone the property of the poor, but of some of the rich, who sought safety, and immunity from taxes, met the answer, "We will not punish the many poor, to reach a few of the rich." Two million depositors, warned by banks and public press of the threatened dangers of an attack upon that which they had saved to meet the demands of common comforts, actual necessities and possible misfortune, triumphed over corporate greed and private avarice; and to the credit of that great State it can be said, that it still keeps inviolate the contract first made, that funds entrusted to its saving banks, and all they may earn, shall continue, absolutely, and without contribution to State, corporations, or private interests, the property of those who deposit them.

Gentlemen: The depositors in our savings banks are in number one-quarter of the entire State population. They are the poorer—therefore it is a fashion or a sad to style them the "common"—people, and they contribute annually nearly one-quarter of the State's entire revenue. They are in every plantation, hamlet, town and city in Maine. Were they familiar with the important bearing of this question of taxes upon the meagre earnings of their small savings, and were they aware from what source relief must come, if it comes at all, would the ears of the law-makers who represent them be as deaf to their demands as they have been to yours in their behalf?

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New Wants, To Let, For Sale, Lost, Found
and similar advertisements will be found on
page 7.
Business Cards on page 6.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 1900.

ALBANY.

Miss Fern Johnson visited at S. G. Bean's, also at W. I. Becker's recently.

On account of the illness of the treasurer, town meeting was postponed one week.

W. B. Cummings is so far recovered as to be able to go out of doors on pleasant days.

E. T. Jenkins called on his parents at their home in North Norway, one day last week.

Miss Ada O. Bean visited her cousin Mrs. Alma Judkins, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

W. E. Cummings and wife have returned to their home, Mr. Cummings' ankle having gained so that he is able to be about on crutches.

The last meeting of the L. R. T. Club was with Mrs. F. G. Sloan Wednesday Feb. 28. The program was prepared by the president, and was in honor of Washington's birthday.

BRYANT POND.

Vern McAllister is again at work for Deck Peverley.

The first dancing school Assembly, will be held Friday evening.

Mrs. Dollie Carroll and Mrs. Agnes Brooks, went to Lewiston, Saturday.

Mr. Will Elliott, who recently graduated from Dartmouth, is in town.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Peverley dined with friends at West Paris Sunday, going and returning on the train.

Miss Lottie Peverley is at home from the Mary Hitchcock Hospital, where she has been since last May.

There is no better medicine for the babies than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures make it a favorite with mothers and small children. It quickly cures their coughs and colds, preventing pneumonia or other serious consequences. It also cures croup and has been used in tens of thousands of cases without a single failure so far as we have been able to learn. It not only cures croup, but when given as soon as the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. In cases of whooping cough it liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, and lessens the severity and frequency of the paroxysms of coughing, thus depriving that disease of all dangerous consequences.

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SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Preaching at the M. E. church March 4, by Rev. Mr. Leard.

Mr. F. E. Davis, E. B. Davis and O. W. Robbins, with their wives attended the box supper given under the auspices of Franklin Grange, Feb. 24, and report a delightful and most enjoyable evening.

Our mail comes every day; Mr. Will P. Andrews has not missed a trip for the winter, and for punctuality in carrying and bringing our mail from West Paris to this place, we feel that not many are more faithful in Uncle Sam's service.

Mrs. Freeman L. Wyman has commenced the annual making of May-baskets. Mrs. Wyman commenced some five years ago the manufacture of these dainty creations of art, at that time supplying only a few for the local demand but at the present time she spends several months of each year preparing her work, which is not only in great demand in our smaller villages, but in the larger ones, supplying So. Paris and Norway, also commanding patronage at Auburn and Lewiston.

It was with tear dimmed eyes we learned of the death of Mrs. Annie Elkins of Hebron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Clark, much respected citizens of this place. It was my pleasure to form the acquaintance of Annie in the school at Snow's Falls, Maine, and with saddened heart, I think of the shortness of her young life. Again looking back through the mist of years, I can see her once more, studiously poring over the lessons of the day; always pleasant and obliging and with sunny face, the first to give me a morning welcome; such are my recollections of her who has been called away, pleasant recollections which will never be effaced from the memory of one, who learned to love the purity of her gentle, spotless life.

One of our most enterprising citizens, Mr. A. M. Andrews of the firm of I. W. Andrews & Sons of this place, recently took a finishing course, passing the examination with great honor, in the Embalming School at Boston, Mass. The course of study was held at the U. S. Hotel. The lectures were given under the able instruction of the celebrated Prof. Meyers of Springfield, O., demonstration of the same being held at 521 Shawmut Ave. Mr. Andrews was the first of a large class who was taking the course, to demonstrate, and on being directed to take up the "Radial Artery," and to illustrate the process of embalming to the class, he received a personal compliment from Prof. Meyers, on the deftness and skill with which he performed the demonstration, thus proving that Mr. Andrews is no novice in the work of embalming, even in its most complicated forms.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Miss M. A. Sanborn went back to her home at Mr. Stanley's last week.

C. G. Kimball spent Sunday at home, coming down on snowshoes, from Bethel Hill.

Frances Carter came home last week to care for her aunt, and take charge of things at home.

J. A. Libby had a shock several days ago and lies in a critical condition, being helpless and speechless.

When people have to walk on snowshoes to get to their barns, as many did last Friday morning, we think it was quite a snowstorm.

Mrs. Mary Wiley has been quite sick for more than a week, with malarial fever, but is some better now, and sits up a great part of the time.

People ought to appreciate good water when they have it. Mr. David Gorham's well has been dry for some time, and he has been obliged to draw water from the brook, which runs near.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials. Address, F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75 cents. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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BROWNFIELD.

Mrs. H. F. Fitch has returned from a three weeks' visit to friends in the eastern part of the State.

John Chamberlain of Massachusetts, is visiting his brother, Freeman Chamberlain at West Brownfield.

The heavy snowstorm, on Feb. 21, followed by rain, held up the lumber teams for a few days.

Mr. Herbert Swan is making some good snap shot street views of this village, and finds quite a ready sale for them.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Blake have been absent on a bridal tour, since January 30, visiting friends in different towns in Massachusetts.

Three cases of scarlet fever in a mild form are reported in Frank Quint's family at East Brownfield. The board of health has quarantined the family.

S. N. Adams, P. S. Brown, and E. E. Bennett have gone to Jackson, N. H., to work, and have quite a long job of brick laying and plastering at one of the summer houses.

Dr. H. F. Fitch has received the appointment of U. S. examining surgeon at Fryeburg, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. W. L. Gatchell, who has gone to California.

A political love feast was held at the town hall in this village, on Saturday, 24th, for the purpose of nominating a non partisan ticket for town officers for the year 1900. It would be almost like copying the list of voters in town, to give the names of those nominated. Three names for each office were presented. That is, three for town clerk, nine for selectmen, and so on, to fill all the offices. "You pays your money; you takes your choice," and it was left in that way for us to meet on March 5.

WORMS

Hundreds of children and adults have worms in their heads and brains. The symptoms are indigestion, with a variable appetite; foul tongue; and a feeling of fullness in the head; and sometimes a feeling of heat and itching sensations in the scalp and about the ears; eyes heavy and dull; itching of the nose; short dry cough; grinding of the teeth; starting up at night; and often in children, convulsions.

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New Assurance Issued, 203,301,832.
Income in 1899, 53,878,200.86
Assets December 31, 1899, 280,191,286.80
Assurance Fund—\$216,384,975.00—and all other
Liabilities, \$2,688,834.03
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EIGHT	FOLLOWING	YEARS.
1892—1412	110,304.93	2,709,588.00
1893—1769	102,569.58	3,722,192.00
1894—2140	133,947.93	4,358,321.00
1895—2711	163,547.61	4,960,345.00
1896—2938	177,389.39	5,114,034.00
1897—3473	200,170.90	6,010,574.00
1898—3785	215,976.51	6,829,724.00
1899—4195	236,938.60	6,698,868.00

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Assets Dec. 31st, 1899.

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Mortgage Loans	219,000.00
Collateral Loans	25,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,707,376.50
Cash in office and Bank	88,032.33
Interest and Rents	13,116.68
Uncollected Premiums	110,611.28
All other assets	23,050.17
Gross Assets	\$ 2,385,917.06
Deduct items not admitted	2,015.10
Admitted Assets	\$ 2,383,901.96
Liabilities Dec. 31st, 1899.	
Unpaid losses	105,910.33
Unearned premiums	631,827.93
All other liabilities	21,256.10
Total	\$ 762,304.36
Cash Capital	\$ 500,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	1,021,596.42
Total liabilities and surplus	\$ 2,383,901.37

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All persons are hereby cautioned against negotiating or having anything to do with one promissory note dated June, 1893, at Grafton, given by one Julian Farrar to L. M. Blanchard, on two years' time, for the value of \$80, with credit of two partial payments, said note having been stolen by one James Sheriffs, and payment is hereby stopped on said note.

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